



Daylight savings will put Beach in step with the rest of Ontario on April 27

Breaking a 15 year old tradition, Wasaga Beach Council opted to impliment daylight saving time on April 27 — a departure from the tradition of staying on standard time all year round which enables patrons of local hotels to have an additional hour of drinking time during the summer months.

The motion approving daylight saving time was passed with little discussion at Tuesday night's regular meeting of Council. The change will mean that the town's four year round and two seasonal hotels will have to close at the same time as hotels in surrounding communities.

In the past, the hotels had been able to attract drinkers after other pubs had closed during the summer months by being on standard time — that meant, in effect, the Beach hotels closed one hour later than their competitors in surrounding municipalities.

Affected are the Dyconia Hotel, the Nancy Villa, the Normandy and the Allistonia which are year round operations as well as the Dardenella and the Capstain Inn, both beach front hotels which are open only during the summer months.

Two petitions requesting the change circulated by local tavern owners concerned about missing out on the noon luncheon trade because of the later opening hour forced by daylight time, prompted council to enact the by-law.

Marg Dyer, Wasaga Beach Deputy-reeve and owner of the Nancy Villa Hotel overlooking the Nottawasaga River, declared a conflict of interest over the by-law.

"I declared a conflict because of the manner in which the by-law was presented" she told the Times in an interview following the council meeting.

Mrs. Dyer said that she did not want to vote on the matter because it affected her business and had been raised by people who had signed two petitions requesting the change.

But she added that she was definitely in favor of the new law which will bring the beach into step with most other municipalities across the province.

Mrs. Dyer also feels it will have some positive effect on the tourist trade at Wasaga Beach. "We've been told that we have to change our image" Mrs. Dyer said referring to the tourist operators at the Beach "and I think this will be a positive step in that direction."

which are now part of the expanded town of Wasaga Beach. In 1961 when the old Village of Wasaga Beach voted in favor of licensed

hotels and taverns, standard time was retained to be competitive with the hotels in the adjacent Flos Township.

Spring run-off lighter than usual, no flooding problem

While normally people can't say anything nice about early spring weather, so far this year the weather has been perfect. At least from the standpoint of spring runoff into the Nottawasaga Rivershed, it has.

Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Manager Herman Vanwesenbeck told the Times there has been no problems concerning flooding to date.

"The weather has been good," he said, "a couple days of thawing temperatures, and then a few days when everything froze over again."

Mr. Vanwesenbeck said as a result most of the snow had melted from the Nottawasaga lowlands and the largest portion had runoff from the Niagara Escarpment highlands.

"It was a slow runoff and the water levels in the Nottawasaga River never reached dangerous heights," he said.

Another plus explained Mr. Vanwesenbeck was after the snow had melted it was never replenished by new snow.

"The water levels in the Nottawa at its peak this year," he stated, "was 8 feet lower than the highest level, last year."

Mr. Vanwesenbeck added that the danger of flooding had not passed, however. "A large rainfall could still cause flooding," he said.

In Wasaga Beach, which during last year's winter runoff suffered extensive damage from flooding, the ice has completely left the Nottawasaga River.

Works Department Manager Sid Taylor said the ice broke up nice and easy, and he had received no reports of flood damage.

Casino night to have south sea theme

On Saturday, April 19th the Oakview Community Centre has been reserved for the Kinsmen Club of Wasaga Beach annual Casino night.

This year, the theme "South Seas" has been selected and if past Casino nights are any indication this theme will allow those attending to use their imagination to dress for the occasion.

Live entertainment will be provided for dancing between 8 p.m. and the wee hours and as usual, free refreshment tickets and play money will be provided for all at the door. South Sea favours will also be provided and Kinettes will prepare food.

Again game

Holiday waste pickup change

Areas of Wasaga Beach which normally receive garbage pick-up service on Friday will have their collection changed to Thursday for this one week only.

A spokesman for Wasaga Beach Works Dept. said that the change was being made to allow the extra area located in the north end of the town to be picked up on Friday. The spokesman said that the change was being made to allow the extra area located in the north end of the town to be picked up on Friday. The spokesman said that the change was being made to allow the extra area located in the north end of the town to be picked up on Friday.